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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title to: --**CONFIGURABLE APERIODIC GRATING DEVICE**--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-115.

Add new claims 116 - 147: